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### MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/640,005 filed on August 17,  
2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference, by Nobuaki MINAMI; Kazuya SUZUKI; Yukio ENDO

for

TUBELESS PNEUMATIC TIRE WITH CARCASS HAVING BUTYL-BASED INNER  
TOPPING RUBBER LAYER

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	11-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	2-3 =	0	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$750.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/640,005, filed on August 17, 2000, which is a divisional of USP 6,148,889 issued November 21, 2000, which is a divisional of USP 5,971,049 issued October 26, 1999, which is a divisional of USP 5,688,343 issued November 18, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application Nos. 6-196934 and 7-57747 both filed in Japan on August 22, 1994 and March 16, 1995, respectively under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/640,005, filed on August 17, 2000 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/640,005 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified

applications are hereby incorporated by reference.  
This application also claims priority of Application  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. §  
119.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are twelve (12) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/640,005 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Limited.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of Application Nos. 6-196934 and 7-57747 both filed in Japan on August 22, 1994 and March 16, 1995 respectively, are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on December 20, 1995.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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13. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/640,005 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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